

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

July 7, 2015

**6:00 p.m. Transportation
Benefit District Board:**

CANCELLED

7:00 Regular Meeting

- Hearing to adopt six-year Transportation Improvement Plan
- Action to approve preliminary Comprehensive Plan

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website:

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1>

2015 Calendar:

**Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting**

Wednesday, June 24
Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm
CANCELLED

Metropolitan Park District Measure on Aug. 4 Ballot

The Snohomish City Council has unanimously voted to place a ballot measure before the voters that if approved would create a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) in Snohomish. The measure will be on the August 4, 2015, Primary Election. Mail-in ballots are scheduled to arrive at residences of registered voters in mid-July.

The City's objectives in asking voters to approve this measure are to create a dedicated source of revenue for improved parks maintenance and to construct a limited number of parks improvements in the community. The MPD would have the same boundaries as the City (both now and as boundaries change in the future), and the City Council would serve as the MPD Governing Board.

Revenue for the MPD would come from a property tax levy that would be set from 0 cents to 75 cents per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation (AV). If voters approve the MPD, the costs to property owners will not be known until November 2016 when the MPD Board would set the first-year levy rate for 2017 taxes.

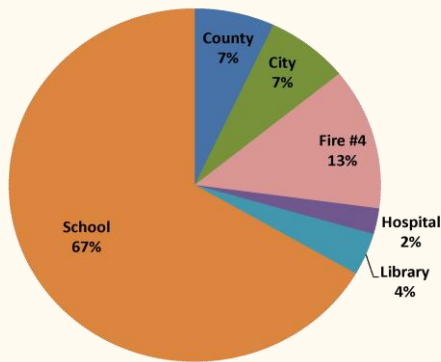
The City's current property tax levy—\$1.032 per \$1,000 of AV, or about \$255 per year for an average home—is the lowest among all cities in Snohomish County. The City's share of the total property tax bill for properties in Snohomish is just 7% as shown in the pie chart on the next page. This means that 93% of the property tax bill paid by City property owners goes to the other jurisdictions shown on the chart. The City does not have sufficient funds for desired improvements to parks maintenance or to construct new improvements to the existing parks system in Snohomish. If approved, the additional MPD funds would be dedicated only to these uses and would also be available to leverage grant funding from other sources to augment City resources.

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2015 Share of Property Tax by Jurisdiction



No tax rate can be set prior to the election. As a result, projected costs to Snohomish property owners can only be estimated based on average property valuations and potential levy rates. For example, an average home valued at \$247,200 in 2015 would see a tax of \$5.15 per month at a rate of 25 cents per \$1,000 AV; if the tax rate was set at the maximum of 75 cents per \$1,000 of AV the tax would be \$15.45 per month for an average-valued home.

The City Council adopted Resolution 1327 that expresses the intent of the Council to prioritize funds primarily to improve maintenance of existing parks and to also fund priority projects for parks improvements if voters approve the MPD. The park improvement priorities recommended by the Council are:

- Redevelopment of the Hal Moe Pool site
- Development of riverfront park (new boat launch) property
- Additional development of the Interurban Trail
- Creation of an off-leash dog area

For more information, including a list of frequently asked questions about the MPD, please see this link on the City's website: <http://snohomishwa.gov/456/Metropolitan-Park-District>



Annual National Night Out America's Night Out Against Crime



The Public Safety Commission for the City of Snohomish is encouraging residents of the City to participate in the 32nd annual National Night Out celebration this August 4th. National Night Out 2014 involved over 38.1 million people in 16,242 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.



National Night Out, a yearlong community building campaign, is designed to:

- heighten crime prevention awareness
- generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs
- strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most cities and towns celebrate National Night Out with a variety of special citywide and neighborhood events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, festivals, visits from local officials and law enforcement, safety fairs, and youth events. The City of Snohomish is encouraging any neighborhood interested in participating to use the following link to register your event with Snohomish County so the information can then be provided to the police and fire department. <http://wa-snohomishcounty.civicplus.com/FormCenter/SheriffNatl-Night-Out-26/National-Night-Out-2015-258>. Neighborhoods that are registered can expect to have a deputy and fire fighter stop by their event on August 4th between 6 pm and 9 pm.



We look forward to seeing everyone on August 4th!

Biosolids Removal

The City of Snohomish wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) was constructed in 1994 and consists of a dual-process multi-cellular aerated lagoon process. For over 20 years, biosolids from the wastewater treatment process have been accumulating in each of the lagoon cells. The word *biosolids* is a term used to describe the solids that have settled during the treatment process which are tested to determine if it is safe for land application at a certified beneficial use facility (BUF).

The frequency of the biosolids removal varies based on the loading rate and can occur anywhere from once a year to once every 20 years. The biosolids volume in the lagoons at the City's WWTP has reached the acceptable loading limit and need to be removed.

The biosolids removal process consists of dredging each of the four lagoons, processing the biosolids through a dewatering centrifuge procedure and then land applying the biosolids at a BUF. Cascade Materials of Snohomish was selected as the BUF to receive and land apply the biosolids locally for this project.

The City solicited bids for the biosolids removal through the public bidding process and a bid opening was conducted on Friday, February 20, 2015. Jansen, Inc., of Ferndale, WA was the successful low bidder at approximately \$794,000 for this project.

The project began on May 21st and will be completed before the end of this summer.



Recycling Reminder

With summer upon us and outdoor charcoal grilling a favorite activity, residents are reminded to properly dispose of ashes in a safe manner. Recycling contractors are reporting instances where hot ashes are placed in recycling collection carts and catching papers on fire and subsequently catching the recycling trucks on fire. This is a very dangerous situation so please remember that the following CANNOT be placed inside your curbside containers:

- No hot (or warm) ashes
- No batteries
- No florescent tubes or bulbs
- No pharmaceuticals
- No electronics
- No hazardous material (labels may say "poison," "danger," "caution" or "warning")

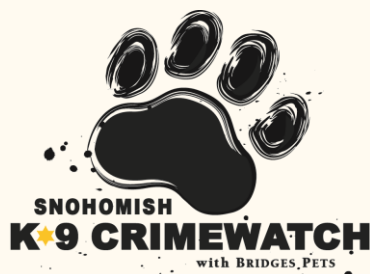


Snohomish K9 Crimewatch June 20th at 10:00 a.m.



As a reminder, the City of Snohomish Police Department is having a kickoff event for K9 Crimewatch on June 20th from 10am to 2pm. Come out and meet K9 Kilo and watch him demonstrate suspect apprehension techniques and narcotic detection! There will also be demonstrations by a cadaver detection dog, Search and Rescue dogs, agility dogs, and barn hunt competition dogs. There will be 18 animal-related vendors on site and a lot of dogs!

Bring your K9 companions on a leash and join us June 20th, 2015 from 10am – 2pm for our kickoff event at the Snohomish Boys and Girls Club located at 402 Second Street, Snohomish. The first 200 Snohomish Dog Walkers to sign up get a free Snohomish K9 Crimewatch Dog Triangle/Bandana!



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Stay Safe and Legal this 4th of July -- 2015!

Celebrate Legally:

- **Use fireworks only in legal locations.**

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Snohomish

Snohomish County (unincorporated)

Stanwood

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Woodway

July 4th between 9am – midnight

July 4th between 9am – 11pm

July 4th between 9am – 11:59pm

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July 4th between 9am – 11:59

July 4th between 9am – 11:59pm on private property only

July 4th between 9am – midnight

July 4th between 9am – 11pm

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July 4th between 9am – midnight

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July 1 to July 4 between 9am – 11pm

July 4 between 9am – 11:59pm

June 28 – July 5 between noon – 11pm

State Law**

Banned

- **Use only fireworks sold at state licensed fireworks stands.**

- Illegal fireworks are subject to immediate confiscation and possible criminal charges.

- ****Use fireworks only during the legal times per state law: (see above list for your area)**

- June 28th between 12 noon and 11:00 p.m.
- June 29th through July 3rd between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- July 4th between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight
- July 5th between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Celebrate Safely:

- **Be Prepared... before you light fireworks**

- Use legal fireworks, available at licensed outlets
- Store fireworks out of children's reach
- Keep pets safe indoors
- Always keep water handy.

- **Be Safe... when lighting fireworks**

- Only adults should light fireworks.
- Use outdoors only.
- Do not throw fireworks or hold in your hand.
- Protect your eyes.
- Light one firework at a time and move away quickly.
- Never relight a "dud".

- **Be Responsible... after you finish**

- Soak used fireworks in water.
- Be considerate – clean up used fireworks
- Keep matches and lighters away from children

Snohomish County Fire Marshal

www.snoco.org (keyword – fireworks)